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FYI: FOLLOWING CABLE SENT JUNE 13 TO METROPOLITAN MUSEUM QTE
AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM NATALIE SPASSKY WE HAVE LIGHT REFLECTION
PROBLEM WITH SOME OF METROPOLITAN PAINTINGS HANGING AT SAPSO
HOUSE HERE. WE TOOK TOM FREUDENHEIM TO SEE COLLECTION TODAY.
HE IS ON WAY TO LENINGRAD AND AUTHORIZED ME TO CABLE YOU THAT
IN HIS OPINION PLEXIGLASS COULD SAFELY BE REMOVED FROM VARIOUS
PAITINGS WHERE PROBLEM IS ACUTE (TWO SARGENT PORTRAITS, KENSETT,
DURAND, PARSHALL, DICKINSON AND SULLIVAN). ALL ARE IN PROTECTED
POSTIONS ABOVE FURNITURE. LARGE HIGH CEILING ROOMS AND
PROTECTED NATURE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE REDUCE NORMAL RISKS AND
NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF VISITORS TO MINIMUM. WE WOULD LKE YOUR
AUTHORIZATION REMOVE PLEXIGLASS FOR JUNE 19 OPENING OF COLLECTION
PARTICULARLY. FREUDENHEIM OFFERS PERSONALLY SUPERVISE REMOVAL
BY TRAINED LOCAL MUSEUM WORKDERS IF YOU APPROVE. HE
ALSO SENDS WARMEST REGARDS. DAVID NALLE, CULTURAL
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